

Additional file 1: Search details

Original search

A. Electronic databases

Database/platform:	SciVerse Scopus (Elsevier)
Date coverage:	1823 to present (greater than half of which are from 1996 to present)
Library:	Public Health Agency of Canada & Health Canada Libraries
Date of search:	Friday, June 17, 2011
Limits:	In: "Article Title, Abstract, Keywords" Published: "All years" to "Present" Document type: "All" Subject Areas: All checked (default)
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping review" OR "scoping project" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "scoping exercise" OR "scoping report" OR "evidence map" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	1100

Database/platform:	MEDLINE (PubMed)
Time coverage:	Generally 1946 to present
Library:	Free access
Date of search:	Friday, June 17, 2011
Limits:	In: "All fields" Date range: All years
Search query:	scoping stud* OR scoping review* OR scoping project* OR literature map* OR scoping exercise* OR scoping report* OR evidence map* OR systematic map* OR rapid review*
Number of hits:	454

Database/platform:	CINAHL® (EBSCO)
Time coverage:	Full text coverage from 1981 to present
Library:	University of Guelph
Date of search:	Friday, June 17, 2011
Limits:	In: "Select a field (optional)" Search mode: "Boolean/Phrase" Apply related words: [checked] Limit your results: [None, all unchecked or left blank (Default)]
Search query:	"scoping stud*" OR "scoping review*" OR "scoping project*" OR "literature map*" OR "scoping exercise*" OR "scoping report*" OR "evidence map*" OR "systematic map*" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	133

Database/platform:	Current Contents Connect® (ISI Web of Knowledge)
Time coverage:	1998 to present
Library:	University of Guelph
Date of search:	Friday, June 17, 2011
Limits:	In: "Topic" Timespan: "All years" Databases: ABES, SBS, CM, LS, PCES, ECT, AH
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping studies" OR "scoping review*" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "literature map" OR "scoping project*" OR "scoping exercise*" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR

	"systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	750

B. Web search and websites

Database/platform:	SciVerse Scopus Web (Elsevier)
Library:	Public Health Agency of Canada & Health Canada Libraries
Date of search:	Wednesday, July 6, 2011
Limits:	In: "Article Title, Abstract, Keywords" Published: "All years" to "Present" Document type: "All" Subject Areas: All checked (default)
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping review" OR "scoping project" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "scoping exercise" OR "scoping report" OR "evidence map" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	92,924
Notes:	Reviewed first 100 hits

Website:	National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Service Delivery and Organisation Programme (SDO) Health Services and Delivery Research Programme
URL:	http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/newspublicationsandevents.html
Date of search:	Friday, July 8, 2011

Website:	The University of York Social Policy Research Unit
URL:	http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/pubs/main.php
Date of search:	Friday, July 8, 2011

C. Reference lists

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Updated search

A. Electronic databases

Database/platform:	SciVerse Scopus (Elsevier)
Date coverage:	1823 to present (greater than half of which are from 1996 to present)
Library:	Public Health Agency of Canada & Health Canada Libraries
Date of search:	Monday, October 1, 2012
Limits:	In: "Article Title, Abstract, Keywords" Published: ">2010" Document type: "All" Subject Areas: All checked (default)
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping review" OR "scoping project" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "scoping exercise" OR "scoping report" OR "evidence map" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	329

Database/platform:	MEDLINE (PubMed)
Time coverage:	Generally 1946 to present
Library:	Free access
Date of search:	Monday, October 1, 2012
Limits:	In: "All fields" Publication date: "from 2011/06/01"
Search query:	scoping stud* OR scoping review* OR scoping project* OR literature map* OR scoping exercise* OR scoping report* OR evidence map* OR systematic map* OR rapid review*
Number of hits:	158

Database/platform:	CINAHL® (EBSCO)
Time coverage:	Full text coverage from 1981 to present
Library:	University of Guelph
Date of search:	Monday, October 1, 2012
Limits:	In: "Select a field (optional)" Search mode: "Boolean/Phrase" Apply related words: [checked] Limit your results: "Published date from 2011-06-01 to 2012-10-31"
Search query:	"scoping stud*" OR "scoping review*" OR "scoping project*" OR "literature map*" OR "scoping exercise*" OR "scoping report*" OR "evidence map*" OR "systematic map*" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	75

Database/platform:	Current Contents Connect® (ISI Web of Knowledge)
Time coverage:	1998 to present
Library:	University of Guelph
Date of search:	Monday, October 1, 2012
Limits:	In: "Topic" Timespan: "2011-06-01 - 2012-10-01"

	Current Contents Editions: all checked (default) Current Contents Connect on WofS from 1998-
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping studies" OR "scoping review*" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "literature map" OR "scoping project*" OR "scoping exercise*" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Number of hits:	145

B. Web search and websites

Website:	SciVerse Hub
Date of search:	Monday, October 1, 2012
Search query:	"scoping study" OR "scoping review" OR "scoping project" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "scoping exercise" OR "scoping report" OR "evidence map" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review"
Exact query:	(TITLE-ABS-KEY("scoping study" OR "scoping review" OR "scoping project" OR "literature scoping" OR "literature mapping" OR "scoping exercise" OR "scoping report" OR "evidence map" OR "evidence mapping" OR "systematic map" OR "systematic mapping" OR "rapid review") AND PUBYEAR > 2009) and not srctype(jnl or pat or sc or mdc)
Limits:	In: "Article Title, Abstract, Keywords" Published: ">2010"
Number of hits:	0
Citations added:	0

Website:	National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Service Delivery and Organisation Programme (SDO) Health Services and Delivery Research Programme
URL:	http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/newspublicationsandevents.html
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Number of hits:	"about 775"
Notes:	Reviewed first 50 hits
Citations added:	2

Website:	The University of York Social Policy Research Unit
URL:	http://php.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/pubs/main.php
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Search date range:	From 2011 to present
Limits:	Publication type: All Research team: All Subject keyword: scoping
Citations added:	0

Website:	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence Evidence Search
URL:	http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/search?q=scoping
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Search term:	scoping
Number of hits:	2737
Notes:	Reviewed first 100 hits
Citations added:	35

Website:	The Department of Health
URL:	http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsLibrary/index.htm
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Search term:	scoping
Search date range:	"1 June 2011" to "16 October 2012"
Number of hits:	0
Citations added:	0

Website:	British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy
URL:	http://bacp.co.uk/research/publications/index.php
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Citations added:	1

Website:	Google
URL:	google.com
Date of search:	Monday, October 15, 2012
Search query:	"scoping review"
Notes:	Reviewed first 100 hits
Citations added:	10